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2. Claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 are directed to an allowable product. Claims 4 and 6, directed to the Group II process (see the Restriction Requirement mailed October 7, 2008) do not require all the limitations of an allowable product claim, and are NOT been rejoined.
3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 4 and 6 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on November 7, 2008. Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue. The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.
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